

BUILDERS' GUIDE

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TORRANCE SEES NEW ERA WITH SANTA FE LINE

(From San Pedro News)

Granting of the franchise to the Santa Fe Railroad to enter the harbor is greeted with enthusiasm by Torrancia, which sees a new era of prosperity for the city as a result. The new line is expected to immediately bring about greater industrial and commercial activity in Torrancia. The road passes through the city, the right of way having been purchased from the Dominguez Corporation last June.

According to word received from the office of the chief engineer of the Santa Fe, grading of the line will be started within ten days after the franchise is formally approved by the Los Angeles City Council. At the time of acquiring the right of way through Torrancia the Santa Fe bought considerable additional acreage. The plans of the chief engineer, as announced last Tuesday, call for the immediate construction of a freight yard on this land to serve Torrancia and vicinity. The building of a freight station is also planned.

The present need of Torrancia is adequate freight service for its industries and those to be brought into the city in the future. The industries already in operation are taxing the existing freight facilities and it was feared for a time by the chamber of commerce that the future development of the city as a factory center would be hampered if the Santa Fe was not permitted to extend its road from El Segundo to the harbor. It is understood that a number of industries delayed their decision on Torrancia as a future home pending the action of the city council. With a transcontinental road assured them they are expected to consider Torrancia favorably.

The new freight line will also speed up the development of the Torrancia oil field and will facilitate the handling of machinery and equipment used in the drilling of the wells. The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company, a subsidiary company to the Santa Fe, which has a lease on more than a thousand acres in the Torrancia district, will be particularly benefited by the new road.

BEST METHOD OF BUILDING HOUSES

There Are But Four Important Essentials In Building

Somebody has termed house building "life's greatest puzzle." The layman who views a half finished house with its maze of framing, scaffolding and falsework, quits the site more mystified than ever, and with the belief that a man must necessarily be a born puzzle solver in order to understand the intricacies of house building.

And yet, this matter of house building is not difficult to master. A house has comparatively few main parts, and its erection is not nearly so complicated a procedure as the average person supposes. Indeed, most persons are agreeably surprised after a little study and observation of houses under construction to find how easily the puzzle solves itself.

No house can be thoroughly successful unless it combines the four basic essentials of good design, efficient plan, right material, and sound construction.

If the house is built without the services of a competent architect it is well to discuss with the contractor or builder the manner in which the house is to be built.

It will be found that the better class of contractors and workmen are thoroughly familiar with approved building practices and are eager for any opportunity they may be given to build your house right. Saving a few nails at the cost of squeaking floors; saving a little labor and material at the cost of excessive coal bills and repair costs or purchasing compromise houses at prices for which better houses might be built are now recognized as expensive economies.

The railroads are trying to persuade the public to use cars in going over their crossings, but some folks have to hurry to catch the train for Eternity.

Claimed that bobbed hair will produce many bald heads, but the girls feel that they should worry about what happens after they get married.

The boys who can hardly get up so as to reach school on time, may yet be able to rise at dawn to see the circus unload.

DATE OF BIRTH OF CHRIST

Nothing Certain Is Known as to Actual Time of Arrival of Child of the Manger.

IT IS a remarkable fact that nothing certain is known as to the actual date of the birth of Christ, Dec. 25 being only a tradition, adopted by the church about the middle of the Fourth century. Lupi, a learned Jesuit of the Eighteenth century, says:

"There is not a single month in the year to which the Nativity has not been assigned by some writer or other."

The earliest celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 appears to have been held in Rome in the Fourth century, being first mentioned in a Roman document, the Philocalian calendar, dating from the year 354, but containing an older record, referring to the year 336. Christmas was brought to England by St. Augustine, and kept in 508, but it would appear that it was not established in Germany until 813, and in Norway about the middle of the Tenth century, by King Hakon the Good.

The Romans of the empire used to celebrate the birth of the Unconquered Sun on Dec. 25, according to the Julian calendar, the winter solstice when the sun began to rise in new vigor, after his autumnal decline. Therefore, the reason for the choice of Dec. 25 for Christmas would seem to have been symbolical.

CHRISTMAS AND GHOST TALES

Festival Is Naturally Associated With Stories of Haunted Halls and Things Supernatural.

CHRISTMAS being celebrated in the depth of winter, when "lang's the neet frae e'en to morn," the festival is naturally associated with tales of haunted halls and "things" that are supernatural. Thus Dickens in his "Christmas Carol," gave us the Spirits of the Past, the Present, and the Future, but Christmas in mind, clothed each of them in a fascinating mantle of kindness, and sent them out on a message of mercy that made itself felt over all the earth. Over many a stony Scrooge have they cast their mellowing shades, teaching them to say:

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The spirits of all three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

Scrooge, concluded Dickens, "had no further intercourse with Spirits, but it was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us, every one!"

CHRISTMAS DINNER

EVERY Christmas they invited one or two to have Christmas dinner with them who would otherwise have been alone. It gave them so much pleasure that they never felt they were being "kindly" nor that they were "doing a real charity." So that their guests always had a real Christmas with real Christmas cheer. For they never felt that they had been invited out of kindness, nor out of charity!

SANTA FOR ITALIAN KIDDIES

Befana, Good Fairy, Is Supposed to Fill Stockings With Toys on Twelfth Night.

THE character in Italian childhood lore corresponding to our Santa Claus is Befana, a good fairy who is supposed to fill the children's stockings with toys on Twelfth Night. She does not, however, come down the chimney, and the stockings are hung in the child's bedroom. When someone enters to fill the stocking, the child, according to a very ancient practice, cries out "Ecco la Befana."

The legend concerning this lady is that the Magi, while on their way to Bethlehem, stopped at her home, but found her too busy with household affairs to entertain them. She told them that she would see them on their return, but they went back by another route, and therefore Befana comes out in search of them every Twelfth Night. Her name is a corruption of Epiphany, which is Jan. 6, the twelfth night after Christmas, according to the church calendar.

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